

## MEDIA ADVISORY

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## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

North Dakota Department of Health schedules news conference to highlight the importance of flu shots to protect against influenza

BISMARCK, N.D. – The North Dakota Department of Health will hold a news conference to highlight the importance of receiving a flu vaccine and to answer questions about influenza and the vaccine. The event will be held Wednesday, October 10, 2012, at 10:00 a.m. at The Golden Age Senior Center in Mandan, N.D.

At the news conference, Pat and Arvin Swanson, great-grandparents, will talk about the importance of being vaccinated to prevent illness. They will be vaccinated during the news conference.

The following health officials also will participate in the news conference:

- Molly Howell, Immunization Program manager, North Dakota Department of Health
- Lindsey VanderBusch, epidemiologist, North Dakota Department of Health
- Heather Weaver, Public Health Nurse, Custer Health

Members of the media who wish to attend in person can meet at The Golden Age Senior Center at 301 15th Street Northwest in Mandan. Members of the media wishing to connect to the news conference by phone may dial 866.637.9769. If you have trouble connecting, call the North Dakota Department of Health at 701.328.2378.

For more information about the event, contact Molly Howell or Lindsey VanderBusch, North Dakota Department of Health, at 701.328.2378.

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